

October 29, 2004

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Sincerely,



Allen Jones

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SA2002RF0016

August 13, 2002

Hon. Bill Lockyer  
Attorney General  
1300 I Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Attention: Ms. Tricia Knight  
Initiative Coordinator

Dear Attorney General Lockyer:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9005, we have reviewed the proposed initiative cited as the "California Clemency Board" (File No. SA2002RF0016).

### Background

The Constitution of the State of California authorizes the Governor to grant clemency in the form of reprieves, pardons, and commutations of prison sentences. Under the penal code, the Board of Prison Terms may report to the Governor the names of any persons imprisoned in state prison who, in its judgment, ought to be pardoned or receive a commuted sentence due to good conduct or any other cause.

### Proposal

This measure would repeal the Governor's authority to grant clemency and instead transfer clemency authority to the California Clemency Board, which would consist of county clemency boards. Each county would have at least one board of five citizens randomly selected from the pool of registered voters.

The board would be responsible for reviewing and taking action on clemency requests from prisoners whose committing offense occurred in that county. The local clemency boards would have the authority to release prisoners, commute sentences, or concur with the inmate's current sentence.

A statewide elected officer whose responsibilities would include accepting clemency petitions from the public, processing clemency petitions for review, and undefined financial responsibilities would administer the local clemency boards.

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### **Fiscal Effect**

*Direct Effects.* Under this measure, the state would incur direct costs for (1) compensating local clemency board members, (2) conducting a statewide election for the clemency board administrator, and (3) providing for the general administration of the California Clemency Board.

The total compensation costs for local board members cannot be determined but are likely to be significant. The exact amount would vary with the number of boards formed and level of compensation paid to local board members. The cost to the state of conducting an election for a new statewide office would be minor, and include the cost of printing additional pages in the voter guide and making adjustments to the Secretary of State's electronic records system. The operating costs of the statewide administrative office are estimated to be less than \$1 million based on the cost of operations for agencies with similar functions.

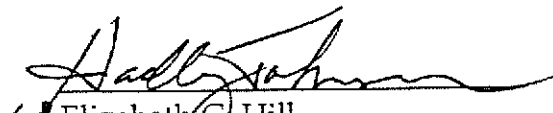
Since the majority of the direct costs would be in the form of compensation to local board members, the total direct costs of this initiative would be significant but unknown.


*Indirect Effects.* If inmates receive clemency through the process established in this measure, the state may incur lower prison operation costs due to a reduction in the prison population. The magnitude of the reduction in prison operation costs is dependent upon the number and type of clemency actions taken by the local boards.

### **Summary**

This measure would result in significant unknown costs to the state which may be offset by a potential unknown reduction in prison operation costs.

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth G. Hill  
Legislative Analyst

  
B. Timothy Gage  
Director of Finance

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I Allen Jones, a United States citizen who resides in the State of California,  
Propose the following ballot initiatives for California voters:

TEXT FOR CALIFORNIA CLEMENCY BALLOT INITIATIVES  
(File No. SA2002RF0016) **(EXPIRED)**

1. Repeal the authority of the governor's power to grant clemency in the State of California.
  2. Create a new clemency board with authority over the governor, the California Department of Corrections, The Board of Prison Terms and any other State of California Prison authority to handle all clemency requests. The new clemency board will have new powers as well as retain existing powers under the governor's control. At least one mini clemency board shall be established in every county in the State of California to handle considerations for clemency do to possible injustice on the part of the State, where the alleged crime was committed. Five citizens who agree to sit on a clemency board for up to one week (or longer if agreed) will be paid for their services. By random selection using current voter rolls in their county, the board members will review inmate request for clemency. While in session, they may review many request for that week's session. Private citizens, prisoner rights groups and professionals in the field may also petition the board on behalf of an inmate. The citizens of the clemency board will have the power to release a prisoner, reduce his or her sentence or do nothing when the board rules that the prisoner was not unjustly treated by the prison system or judicial process. This new board will also have the power to grant clemency for humanitarian reasons. They will also have the power to release nonviolent prisoners under established guidelines when prison overcrowding is at unsafe levels.
  3. Create a State elected administrator to handle the financial responsibilities of the board, ensure that prisoner request are delivered to the county level in a timely manner and make rulings on fairness or fraud in the clemency board. **THE CITIZENS OF THE CALIFORNIA CLEMENCY BOARD AND NOT THE ELECTED OFFICIAL WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON CLEMENCY.**
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## **SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF A NEW CLEMENCY SYSTEM:**

1. California Clemency will cause prosecutors to think twice before using California "Three Strikes Law" on minor offenses with the knowledge that the convicted can take his or her case to a clemency board in their county. (The passing of Prop. 66 does not eliminate the benefit of No.1)
  2. Under strict guidelines a prisoner can receive a clean record from the clemency board.
  3. Reduce prison population in the State of California by the thousands.
  4. With reduced prisoner numbers, California can close or reuse prisons as rehabilitation centers.
  5. Offer hope to those who have been wrongly convicted without going through the many years and layers of appeals.
  6. Streamline the current humanitarian release program for terminally ill prisoners.
  7. Offer hope to those who have realized their wrong and are praying for another chance. (Qualifications for clemency after an inmate realizes his or her wrong are not based on a simple admission of wrong and promise to do right)
  8. Reduce the number of incidences by staff and inmates with lower prison numbers.
  9. Eliminate overcrowding by offering early release to non-violent inmates (who qualify) under established guidelines.
  10. Make the prison and parole system more effective in concentrating on the serious and violent offenders.
  11. Once fully operational, California Clemency will save taxpayers of the State of California billions in incarceration cost.
  12. The success of California Clemency will be the model for all states to reform runaway prison expansion projects.
  13. California Clemency can be modified for the federal prison system that is also plagued with questionable sentencing practices.
  14. REMOVES THE POLITICS FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
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**Letter 31**

**Allen Jones**  
**October 29, 2004**

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**31-1** The comment states that the Draft EIR should consider a smaller statewide prison system as a project alternative. Please refer to Master Response 1 and response to comment 15-2.

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501 J Street, Rm. 304  
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Dear Ms. Daniels,

As long time residents of Marin County we are asking the State of California to reconsider the expanded death row project at San Quentin Prison. If it were put up to a local vote you would find that the people of Marin do not want the expansion, do not want the prison here, nor do they believe in the death penalty.

It seems unfair that the expansion plans have appeared so quietly without much time for community discussion. We had information that the State was considering closing the outdated facility. It seems strange that suddenly there is a new, very expensive plan that does not seem well thought out.

For the last few years we have had meetings about the future of the San Quentin property as a transit center with the possibilities of BART, commuter train, ferry expansion, recreation, as well as new housing. These plans have been met with enthusiasm by our citizens.

Please put in mind the people of Marin and their wishes. If you must have a death row, put it in another facility on a less valuable piece of real estate away from a community that is ready to reclaim prison land.

Sincerely,  
Richard and Jane Gregory

*Richard C. Gregory, Jane A. Gregory*  
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CA 94941

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**Letter 32**

**Richard and Jane Gregory**  
**October 29, 2004**

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- 32-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 32-2** The comment states that death row should be relocated to another prison facility. Please refer to Master Response 1.



**From:** Allen Jones <ajones113@juno.com>  
**To:** <SQSPDEIRComments@edaw.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Nov 2, 2004 2:02 PM  
**Subject:** E.I.R. comments on proposed new Death Row

November 2, 2004

Attention: Cher Daniels

My name is Allen Jones. I sent the letter below by mail. However, I realized that I typed in my web site misspelled. I corrected the spelling at the end of the letter.

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**Letter 33**

**Allen Jones**  
**October 29, 2004**

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- 33-1** The comment corrects a website address provided in comment letter 31. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 33-2** The comment resubmits comments submitted in comment letter 31. Please refer to response to comment 31-1.

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John Glendon

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**From:** "John Glendon" <jeglendon@gbis.com>  
**To:** <pfimrite@sfnchronicle.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 02, 2004 8:27 AM  
**Subject:** san quentin 10/27

thank you for the interesting article on death row in your column of 10/27;  
a copy of this email is being mailed to cher daniels....

first, why is richard farley alive; he should have been incinerated, along  
with all "death row clowns" shortly after their convictions. our planet is  
too small to waste our resources on bottom feeders. close the san quentin  
facility; open the land to public park access; relocate the inmates to a  
nice hot desert location so our tax dollars aren't wasted on valuable  
energy to keep these clowns comfortable.

the single biggest disappointment in my life of 50+ years is the inability  
of government to manage our tax dollars responsibly. people who cannot  
manage their own finances or lives are put in positions to spend (waste) millions.

my suggestion: no more funding for the dept of corrections until they prove  
an ability to offer some creative thinking (GOOD LUCK) and a sound game plan.  
in the meantime, take the 220 mil. and upgrade our schools and restructure  
the pay scale to give incentive to some bright, potential educators who will  
surely go elsewhere.

most politicians should be taking up space alongside the clowns locked up  
in our institutions for the lack of integrity that they exhibit on a daily basis. the  
D.S.A. (dysfunctional states of america) is spiraling downward at a pace that is  
irreversible unless the government employees are held accountable for poor  
decision making and a lack of intelligence.....

now i see the dept. of corrections is paying a whistle-blower \$ 500,000.00 because  
they lost thier lawsuit. great work team..... i think i will flush some of this years  
tax dollars down my toilet; it will make me feel better knowing that government  
"officials" can't get their hands on my \$\$.

peter, keep up the good work of exposing waste in government; it does not help  
my blood pressure (which is excellent) when i read these types of articles; maybe  
i should keep my cell phone glued to one ear and listen to ashley simpson tapes  
through the other.....

regards, john g. tahoe city, ca.



**Letter 34**

**John Glendon**  
**November 2, 2004**

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- 34-1** The comment provides commentary regarding an article published in the San Francisco Chronicle. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.

**From:** "Anthony M. Catsimatides" <anthony@openatelier.com>  
**To:** <SQSPDEIRComments@edaw.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 3, 2004 3:38 PM  
**Subject:** Response to San Quentin EIR

Ms. Cher Daniels  
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California Department of Corrections  
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Response to DEIR for:  
San Quentin State Prison  
Condemned Inmate Complex Project

I oppose the expansion of San Quentin Prison and support alternate land use opportunities for the site such as housing, transportation and recreation.

This is not about money  
This is not about power

This is about practicality. There have been several proposals made by various local community groups in the past to address real problems that Marin County faces. Two key issues that come to mind are housing and transportation.

Housing shortage and the lack of affordable housing in Marin County is a very big problem.

San Quentin site is an ideal situation for multiple housing developments, including low income housing, badly needed in Marin. These proposals are not an effort to "line the pockets of developers" as I've heard it said by supporters of the expansion of the prison, but to address a housing crisis of escalating proportion in Marin.

San Quentin site is also a unique opportunity to provide a Transportation Hub for light rail commuting along the North Bay corridor from Cloverdale to San Francisco. Proponents of the transportation initiative believe that this site can be used as light rail to ferry connector allowing commuters an alternate route from Sonoma county to San Francisco, bypassing the already over burdened and frequently backed up 101 highway.

When the prison was originally built in 1937, Marin County was a small community, and the prison was built away from the general population. I don't have specific statistics, but the entrance to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge is very heavily used by commuters. As the towns of Corte Madera and Larkspur, grow, along with other adjacent communities, the distance between the prison and the general population decreases, creating an imbalanced quality of life concern.

I support all efforts for the in rehabilitation of prisoners, in creating humane conditions and surrounding environment for the inmates, in developing programs to change the course of prison life for the better. This is not

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about opposing these programs and support groups. This is about a practical matter of concern for the future of Marin County residents.

The cost of rebuilding the prison is said to be around \$220M, but estimates are always off, and I can't believe that the size and scope proposed in the EIR will come in that low.

Furthermore, the proposal depicts some of the ugliest and most embarrassing architecture one could imagine, anywhere. The proposal presents big ugly yellow boxes facing the bay, visible by commuters over the bridge and site seers of passing boats. EDAW has not produced as of yet an aesthetically pleasing design that would pass muster on any of the 12 planning commissions in the county. Why should this site be any different?

The state needs to look very closely at the proposal and come up with alternative locations for the prison and allow Marin County the opportunity to solve some of very serious problems it presently faces.

Anthony M. Catsimatides, AIA  
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**Letter 35**

**Anthony Catsimatides**  
**November 3, 2004**

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- 35-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 35-2** The comment expresses dissatisfaction with the design of the project. Please refer to Master Response 2. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 35-3** The comment states that the Draft EIR should evaluate alternate locations for the project. Please refer to Master Response 1.



**DELLIE WOODRING**

November 5, 2004

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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Re **SAN QUENTIN PRISON**

DEAR Governor Schwarzenegger, and Supervising Planner Daniels:

We are opposed to the expansion of San Quentin prison for the following reasons:

- . The economics of the project make no sense. The prison is the most expensive to operate in the state prison system. Employees (49%) travel from Solano County to get to work and they are paid an additional stipend to do so. Relocating the prison to an area that would improve that local economy with construction and the addition of permanent jobs is much more cost effective in the long run. The EIR address the cost of building two new prisons. There was no study of the cost to build ONE new prison elsewhere.

. **SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT:**

Visual: negative visual impact on Corte Madera, ferry terminal, ferry boat West Gate area, East Sir Francis Drake Blvd. EIR made NO mention of the very significant negative impact for drivers on HWY 101 north.

Cultural: for the single level expansion the historic school house would have to be removed. There is also concern that the officers' houses on the prison property are historic.

Water: San Quentin Prison is highest water consumer in Marin County. Even with retrofit water is a major issue in our county in time of drought.

. **Other Important Negative Impact Issues:**

Prison is on edge of environmentally sensitive Corte Madera Marsh. Massive proposed lighting with effect Corte Madera and Tiburon neighborhoods opposite the prison, and travelers on East Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Hwy 101 north. Traffic is a major concern, especially with so many employees living outside of Marin County (on a prison salary one cannot afford to buy a home in Marin - EIR median price home statistics are obsolete.)

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE NEEDS OF TAX PAYING LAW ABIDING CITIZENS BEHIND THOSE OF MEN WHO HAVE COMMITTED HEINOUS CRIMES.

Sincerely,

*Dellie Woodring KD Woodring*  
Dellie and Doug Woodring

Cc: Assemblyman Joe Nation  
Marin County Supervisor Steve Kinsey

## **Letter 36**

**Dellie Woodring**  
**November 5, 2004**

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- 36-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project and suggests the Draft EIR evaluate an alternate location for the project. Please refer to Master Response 1. Also, as described on page 4.10-3 of the Draft EIR, 26% of SQSP employees live in Solano County.
- 36-2** The comment states that the Draft EIR did not evaluate view impacts for drivers on Highway 101 northbound. An analysis of impacts from Highway 101 was considered in response to this and other comments, and found the impact to be less than significant. Please refer to Master Response 2.
- 36-3** The comment restates information presented in the Draft EIR. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 36-4** The comment states that lighting from the project would affect Corte Madera and Tiburon neighborhoods. Please refer to Master Response 2 and response to comment 11-11. Also, it is not geographically accurate to characterize the project site as on the edge of Corte Madera Marsh; it is separated by 2,000 feet (at its closest approach) of San Francisco Bay. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.
- 36-5** The comment expresses concern regarding traffic. This comment is acknowledged. Because no specific issues pertaining to the traffic analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.
- 36-6** The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.

**From:** Margaret Ellis <margie\_ellis@comcast.net>  
**To:** <SQSPDEIRcomments@edaw.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Nov 5, 2004 9:25 AM  
**Subject:** San Quentin Prison Project

Please do everything in your power to halt the San Quentin Prison expansion. This is a terrible use of a beautiful piece of Marin County. There has to be a better way to expand the prison. Many things are missing from this proposal namely no provision for housing for the prison workers. The impact on 101 has not been addressed. This is a huge issue that demands the input from the people it will most affect..that is the people of Marin County. Thank you  
Margie Ellis

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**Letter 37**

**Margaret Ellis**  
**November 5, 2004**

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- 37-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project and states that the project does not provide housing for prison workers. The comment is correct. The project does not specifically provide housing for prison employees. However, if the stacked design option were implemented, all existing housing at SQSP would remain. If the single-level design option were implemented, prison employee housing at SQSP would be reduced by 57 units.
- 37-2** The comment states that Draft EIR did not evaluate traffic impacts along U.S. 101. The comment is incorrect. Section 4.12, "Transportation," of the Draft EIR evaluated intersection impacts to the northbound and southbound on/off-ramps of U.S. 101 at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Because the project would not result in the generation of more than 100 p.m. peak hour trips, the project is not required to prepare a Congestion Management Program (i.e., freeway) analysis. Please also refer to response to comment 10-16.

Daniels, Cher

From: Tim Hill [thill@mcguire.com]  
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2004 9:26 AM  
To: SQSPDEIRcomments@edaw.com  
Subject: FW: Time to Write

STOP SAN QUENTIN PRISON EXPANSION NOW !

San Quentin is most expensive prison in state to run. Employees (49%) come from Solano County. They each receive an additional stipend to travel to Marin. Prison would best be suited in area where it would help local economy by providing jobs for residents of that community.

Significant and unavoidable negative impacts of prison expansion: (as stated by prison official making the presentation):

VISUAL: negative visual impact on Corte Madera, ferry terminal, ferry boat, west gate of San Quentin, and E Sir Francis Drake Blvd. This official (via EIR) failed to note negative impact on Hwy 101.

CULTURAL: Single level proposal would necessitate removal of historical school house and officers homes (which are now under study by Historical Society)

WATER: Significant water usage already - will increase. Largest water user in Marin.

OTHER ISSUES: No alternatives sites were examined. Sensitive Corte Madera Marsh. Traffic issues - no housing provided for employees, 49% of whom travel from Solano County. Median home prices in Marin used in EIR obsolete and outdated. Based on prison employee salaries, none could buy property in Marin. Massive lighting

which a wide area - in particular the residential part of Corte Madera and Tiburon across bay from prison.

WHY ARE THE NEEDS OF TAX PAYING, LAW ABIDING CITIZENS being put BEHIND those of CONVICTED CRIMINALS!!!!!!

THANK YOU  
TIM HILL

-----Original Message-----

From: Califdell@aol.com [mailto:Califdell@aol.com]

Sent: Thu 11/4/2004 9:03 PM

To: Jscales4@aol.com; GScales500@aol.com; LSPnewview@msn.com;

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Cc:

Subject: Time to Write

Hi Everyone:

If you wish to join the movement to stop expansion of San Quentin, here are the contact addresses:

(Arnie makes final decision. Prison lady makes EIR changes, revisions, decisions, with

Arnie. Joe Nation needs all the support he can muster so please copy him on everything.)

At end of this e-mail are main points of objection, plus what ever objections you may have. First mission is to STOP expansion. Then, later, ideas for use of property can be discussed.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

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To e-mail: Go to his website: [www.govmail.ca.gov/](http://www.govmail.ca.gov/) and scroll down to comments

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xoxo Dellie

## Letter 38

**Tim Hill**

**November 5, 2004**

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- 38-1** The comment states that a prison would be better suited in an area where it would help the local economy by providing jobs for residents in that community. This comment is acknowledged. Note that, as shown on page 4.10-3 of the Draft EIR, 26% of employees reside in Solano County. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 38-2** The comment restates that the visual impacts of the project and states that the Draft EIR did not evaluate the visual impacts from Highway 101. Please refer to Master Response 2 and response to comment 36-2.
- 38-3** The comment restates information presented in the Draft EIR. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 38-4** The comment states that no alternative sites were examined in the Draft EIR. Please refer to Master Response 1. Also, the comment asserts several concerns but does not address the contents of the Draft EIR, so no other response can be provided.
- 38-5** The comment expresses concern regarding housing prices in Marin County and also expresses concerns about lighting. This comment is acknowledged. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.
- 38-6** The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 38-7** This comment is a request to a number of recipients suggesting that they comment on the Draft EIR, raising the points addressed in comments 38-1 through 38-6. Please see responses to comments 38-1 through 38-6. Because several comments provided virtually the same comments that reflect these points, they are referenced to the responses included herein.



Daniels, Cher

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From: Allen Jones [ajones113@juno.com]  
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2004 1:39 PM  
To: SQSPDEIRComments@edaw.com  
Subject: DEIR for condemned inmate complex project

I am greatly offended at what I witnessed at the November 4 hearing for the Death Row expansion. So I would like to request my further comment be added to what I have already submitted as it has to do with alternatives to the project.

Mr. Jakobs said that "State law requires that condemned inmates must be housed at San Quentin." By this ridiculous statement we must believe that it is easier to build a new \$220 million Death Row facility at San Quentin Prison then change a law that say where we are to house condemned inmates?

I can't speak for others but I'm not that gullible.

Allen Jones  
981 Shotwell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
(415) 821-4044

**Letter 39**

**Allen Jones**  
**November 5, 2004**

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- 39-1** The comment expresses dissatisfaction with statements made at the November 4, 2004, public hearing on the Draft EIR. This comment is acknowledged. Please refer to Master Response 1. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.

**Daniels, Cher**

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**From:** Hap McGill [hmcgill@gdr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2004 2:39 PM  
**To:** SQSPDEIRcomments@edaw.com  
**Subject:** San Quentin Prison

RE: The Proposed Expansion of San Quentin Prison

The GOVERNOR is interested first and foremost in ECONOMICS.

San Quentin is most expensive prison in state to run. Employees (49%) come from Solano County. They each receive an additional stipend to travel to Marin.

A prison would best be suited in an area where it would help the local economy by providing jobs for residents of that community.

The significant and unavoidable negative impact of prison expansion, as stated by prison officials are:

**VISUAL.** Negative visual impact on Corte Madera, the ferry terminal, the ferry boats, the west gate of San Quentin, and E Sir Francis Drake Blvd. This official (via EIR) failed to note the negative impact on Hwy 101 and all of Marin Co. in general.

**CULTURAL:** Single level proposal would necessitate the removal of the historical school house and officers homes (which are now under study by Historical Society).

**WATER:** Significant water usage already and this will increase. Currently the largest water user in Marin County.

**OTHER ISSUES:**

- No alternative sites were examined.
- The sensitive Corte Madera Marsh.
- Traffic issues - no housing provided for employees, 49% of whom travel from Solano County.
- Median home prices in Marin used in EIR are obsolete and outdated.
- Based on prison employee salaries, none could buy property in Marin.
- Massive lighting which impacts a wide area - in particular the residential part of Corte Madera and Tiburon, across the bay from the prison.

WHY ARE THE NEEDS OF TAX PAYING, LAW ABIDING MARIN COUNTY CITIZENS being put BEHIND the needs of CONVICTED CRIMINALS?

PLEASE DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO STOP THIS PROPOSED PLAN.

THANK YOU!

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**Letter 40**

**Howard McGill**  
**November 5, 2004**

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**40-1** The comment letter provides the same comments as comment letter 38. Please see response to comments 38-1 through 38-7.

Daniels, Cher

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From: Lisa Kemp [kempkemp@comcast.net]  
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2004 7:09 AM  
To: SQSPDEIRcomments@edaw.com  
Subject: San Quentin

PLEASE RECONSIDER the proposal to expand San Quentin for the following reasons: I have lived in Marin for 35 years...I am stunned by the irrational and impracticality of the proposal.

San Quentin is most expensive prison in state to run. Employees (49%) come from Solano County. They each receive an additional stipend to travel to Marin. Prison would best be suited in area where it would help local economy by providing jobs for residents of that community.

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Thank you for your consideration.  
Lisa Kemp, San Anselmo

**Letter 41**

**Lisa Kemp**  
**November 6, 2004**

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**41-1** The comment letter provides the same comments as comment letter 38. Please see response to comments 38-1 through 38-7.

**Daniels, Cher**

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**From:** NBruce9118@aol.com

**Sent:** Saturday, November 06, 2004 9:00 AM

**To:** SQSPDEIRcomments@edaw.com

**Subject:** San Quentin expansion

Wrong place, wrong size and it would hurt the environment. Please say no. Nancy Bruce

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**Letter 42**

**Nancy Bruce**  
**November 6, 2004**

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**42-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.

**Daniels, Cher**

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**From:** Stuart Brown [stuart.brown1@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 06, 2004 12:33 PM  
**To:** SQSPDEIRComments@edaw.com  
**Subject:** Building a New Condemned Inmate Facility at San Quentin

Dear Sir:

I am against the proposal to build a new condemned inmate facility at San Quentin. Although the existing facility is old and inadequate, having a major prison facility located in the midst of an increasingly populated and high-cost area does not make good sense. Such a facility should be in a remote area with plenty of space around it to ensure safety and provide for adequate employee housing. Traffic is a major concern in the San Quentin area, and both the construction and normal operation of the facility will add to an already strained situation.

Please consider alternative locations which would permit less expensive construction cost and a lower cost of living for state employees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

- Stuart H. Brown  
San Rafael, CA

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**Letter 43**

**Stuart Brown**  
**November 6, 2004**

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- 43-1** The comment requests that alternative locations for the project be considered in the Draft EIR. Please refer to Master Response 1.

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November 06, 2004

Cher Daniels - Supervising Environmental Planner  
Facilities Management Division  
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Sacramento, CA 94283-0001

Re: San Quentin EIR - Death Row

I think the EIR done on the construction of the San Quentin death row is more than adequate, the construction of the facility there is quite appropriate and the EIR for the proposed facility should be approved forthwith so plans can proceed.

While there are real estate and development interest in Marin, along with their political skills (e.g. Kinsey and Nation), that seek to gain personal profit from a hoped-for abandonment of the site by the Dept. of Corrections, these interests propose no alternate sites for the facility and fail to accept the fact that the existing prison, with death row, is much friendlier to the environment than the commercial and residential developments they envision.

Please proceed with your plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Schoonover", with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Steve Schoonover

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**Letter 44**

**Steve Schoonover**  
**November 6, 2004**

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- 44-1** The comment states that the Draft EIR is adequate and supports construction of the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.

Daniels, Cher

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From: Kenn Kossan [tyryndyl@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2004 8:55 AM  
To: SQSPDEIRComments@edaw.com  
Subject: Keep San Quentin right where it is, build the expansion, make it a permanent part of my County, Marin.

To Whom it may concern,

Hello.

I am a fifteen year resident of Marin County. I moved here from Minneapolis, MN, in the fall of 1989. I have a BFA from The Minneapolis College of Art and Design and an M ed. from The University of Minnesota. I have never been to prison. I mentioned my background in art and design because I feel that San Quentin belongs in Marin County for Aesthetic reasons that have to do with balance and diversity. To imagine San Quentin peninsula covered with luxury homes sickens me and begs the question, "How much luxury housing does one County need?" There are empty luxury houses, built but never occupied along the Southern Marin Line trail that stretches between Mill Valley and Larkspur. They are enormous and ugly eyesores.

San Quentin Prison adds some much needed balance to a County that is spinning out of control with ridiculous amounts of money making even the most modest home wildly out of reach for most citizens. Even in the shadow of the prison, in the lovely and quaint San Quentin Village, housing prices and completely out of whack already.

Imagine what would happen to the village if the prison were removed? It would quickly go from quaint to irritating for developers and realtors. I have ridden my bicycle by the prison hundreds of times. Many times during an execution when there are protesters, bringing a national debate right to our doorsteps.

I am proud to have San Quentin Prison in Marin County. I think it gives our County a shot of realism and muscle that most places do not have. On top of everything else I feel it is a great sub conscience deterrent to crime both brutal and white collar for the citizens of Marin County. Please do the right thing and build the expansion making San Quentin a permanent part of Marin County.

Sincerely Yours,

Kenn Kossan

San Rafael, CA

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**Letter 45**

**Kenn Kossan**

**November 8, 2004**

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- 45-1** The comment expresses support for construction of the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.